

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph [001] beginning on page 1, line 1, and ending on page 1, line 3, with the following paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to a comparison sample ~~[[or]]~~ for simulating the appearance of a keratinous element such as the skin, including the lips, the fingernails, the toenails, or the hair, for example. --

Replace the paragraph [021] beginning on page 6, line 1, and ending on page 6, line 3, with the following paragraph:

-- The plurality of comparison samples may comprise at least five categories of comparison samples. Each category may, for example, ~~presenting~~ present a particular lightness level differing from that of the other categories. --

Replace the paragraph [034] beginning on page 8, line 1, and ending on page 8, line 3, with the following paragraph:

-- In yet another aspect, each of the comparison samples may be configured to be ~~[[to be]]~~ displayed respectively on a package of a product intended for application to a keratinous element. --

Replace the paragraph [060] beginning on page 12, line 18, and ending on page 12, line 19, with the following paragraph:

-- Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an exemplary embodiment of a system of comparison samples; --

Replace the paragraph [080] beginning on page 15, line 5, and ending on page 15, line 12, with the following paragraph:

-- In the example described, the system 1 includes ~~one-hundred~~ one hundred of comparison samples 4 substantially corresponding to fifty different skin colors and to two different brightnesses per color so as to distinguish between mat skin and shiny skin, for example. In this example, all of the comparison samples 4 have the same texture. The fifty colors may be the result of combining five hues with ten levels of lightness. The hue angles (h) measured in the CIEL\*C\*h 1976 color space may range from about 40° to about 70°, and/or from about 46° to about 64°. Other combinations and groupings of the comparison samples also are envisioned and considered within the scope of the invention. --

Replace the paragraph [091] beginning on page 17, line 1, and ending on page 17, line 4, with the following paragraph:

-- The visual color difference as measured in the CIEL\*C\*h 1976 color space between two adjacent color comparison samples 4 may be substantially constant, for example, equal to about four. The value may permit an untrained person easily to perceive a variation of color between two comparison samples 4. --

Replace the paragraph [0105] beginning on page 19, line 11, and ending on page 19, line 14, with the following paragraph:

-- It is also possible to imitate the appearance of the skin by optionally using a medium that represents relief, for example, a medium that has been embossed so as to substantially imitate skin grain. Embossing may be performed by ~~calendering~~ calendering, for example, either before or after the color coating has been deposited. --

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